

education policy. Through his steadfast commitment to promoting children's issues like literacy, technology, quality teachers, and IDEA funding—BILL GOODLING has truly been a champion for children across this country.

At the end of this session, BILL GOODLING and I will both be stepping down and moving on to new challenges in private life. But no matter what the future has in store for BILL GOODLING, I know his commitment to our nation's children will continue and that our country is a better place because of his service.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor my good friend BILL GOODLING, who retires this year after a quarter-century of service to this country in this House, during which he has become one of the nation's foremost advocates on common-sense education policy.

Since becoming Chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee, BILL GOODLING has fought tirelessly to send more control over our schools to local authorities. BILL'S leadership and success in education policy have created options for educators and students throughout the U.S. which were not previously available.

For the last quarter-century, BILL GOODLING has been a friend, mentor, and leader on education issues. Like many other Members, I have looked to him for guidance. I am proud to have been his colleague, and honored to call him a friend. The people of Adams, York, and Cumberland Counties are truly fortunate to have had BILL GOODLING represent them in Congress for all of these years. I thank him for his friendship and wish BILL and Hilda the very best for the years to come.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to thank everyone for their overly generous comments that were made this morning. It has been a labor of love. We have done a lot of wonderful things together in a bipartisan fashion, always with the best interest of children in mind.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that when I leave here, the echoes will still be in the Chamber saying: Quality, not quantity. Results, not process.

But I want to leave three challenges to Members. First of all, this is the greatest institution in the world. It is the most important institution in the world. We do not do a very good job of making sure that everybody in this country understands that and everybody in the world understands.

I know how it is at home. They bad mouth this institution. They say disparaging remarks about some of our colleagues, and we let them get away with it because they will always say, Now, we are not talking about you. You are a good Member.

Well, I always tell them, I would like to see anyone get 435-plus members in any organization together to do as well as this group does, to be as honorable as this group, to be as dedicated as this group. And we just have to make sure that everybody understands that and we do not let them get away with making bad remarks.

Philosophically, we may have awful arguments and disagreements and so on. But man-to-man, woman-to-woman, man-to-woman, et cetera, in

this institution, all of these people were very successful people before they ever came here, and I would hope that we would take that challenge and make sure that everybody understands everything we do, everything we say, not only affects our constituents but all over the country, all over the world. We are the greatest institution and the most important institution.

Secondly, I would hope that every vote is cast with the best interest, and particularly in the area of education, with children. I do not care about perception or anything else. What is it that we are doing that will assure a quality education for all of our children? Fifty percent of our children are not at the present time receiving a quality education, and I am sorry that I could not do more about bringing about that quality while we were here.

And then last, I worry about the young Members and their young families. In fact, they are in my prayers constantly. This is not a family-friendly institution. All I say to my colleagues is put that family first, always put the family first. And I am sure that they will reap great rewards by doing that.

Mr. Speaker, lastly let me say, we owe so much to our staffs. I am not going to recite all the staff members that I have. But my district staff, my staff on the committee, the staff in my office here, they are just wonderful, wonderful dedicated people giving hours and hours and hours of their time and sometimes not paid too well for doing it. And so my hat is off to the staff.

Again, I thank my colleagues for their generous comments. And always remember: quality, not quantity; results, not process.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BASS) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Heavenly Father, You know the disobedient son and daughter as well as Your obedient children. Your loving attention may be even more focused on the disobedient who are in need of Your tender mercy.

Help all in this Nation to become better citizens of the world community. Take us beyond ourselves. Transform

us by Your own spirit to be more concerned for the safety of others and a broad security that bears Your gift of peace to all.

You have called the Members of this assembly to be public servants. Their pledge of a good conscience empowers them to speak and act on behalf of their brothers and sisters everywhere. Grant them guidance in the monumental task before them. For You are living and present now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOLDEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOLDEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cheek, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4392. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4392) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KYL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. MACK, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. LEVIN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4733) "An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for